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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit					
	Anand U Desai, Ph.D.	1653					
The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address Period for Reply							
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).							
Status							
1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 December 2004.							
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3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is							
closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.							
Disposition of Claims							
4)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1 and 36-43</u> is/are pending in the application.							
4a) Of the above claim(s) <u>36-43</u> is/are withdrawn from consideration.							
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.							
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>1</u> is/are rejected.							
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.							
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.							
Application Papers							
9)⊠ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.							
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.							
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).							
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).							
11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.							
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119							
<ul> <li>12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).</li> <li>a) All b) Some * c) None of:</li> <li>1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.</li> </ul>							
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No							
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage							
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).							
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.							
Attachment(s)							
1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary						
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)	Paper No(s)/Mail D	Pate Patent Application (PTO-152)					
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>2/11/02 &amp; 12/16/02</u> .	6) Other:						

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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I, drawn to claims 1, and 2 in the reply filed on December 13, 2004 is acknowledged. Applicants also request that the Examiner consider rejoining claims 36-43 in the instant application under the decision of In re Ochiai with claim 1 of the elected invention, upon the Examiner's determination that the claim of the elected invention is allowable. Process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product will be entered as a matter of right, as mentioned in paragraph 7 of the requirement for restriction. Therefore, where applicant elects claims directed to the product, and a product claim is subsequently found allowable, withdrawn process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP § 821.04. Process claims that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the patentable product will be entered as a matter of right if the amendment is presented prior to final rejection or allowance, whichever is earlier. Amendments submitted after final rejection are governed by 37 CFR 1.116; amendments submitted after allowance are governed by 37 CFR 1.312.

In the event of rejoinder, the requirement for restriction between the product claims and the rejoined process claims will be withdrawn, and the rejoined process claims will be fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104. Thus, to be allowable, the rejoined claims must meet all criteria for patentability including the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101, 102, 103, and 112. Until an elected product claim is found allowable, an otherwise proper restriction requirement between product claims and process claims may be maintained. Withdrawn process

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claims that are not commensurate in scope with an allowed product claim will not be rejoined. See "Guidance on Treatment of Product and Process Claims in light of In re Ochiai, In re Brouwer and 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)," 1184 O.G. 86 (March 26, 1996). Additionally, in order to retain the right to rejoinder in accordance with the above policy, Applicant is advised that the process claims should be amended during prosecution either to maintain dependency on the product claims or to otherwise include the limitations of the product claims. Failure to do so may result in a loss of the right to rejoinder. Further, note that the prohibition against double patenting rejections of 35 U.S.C. 121 does not apply where the restriction requirement is withdrawn by the examiner before the patent issues. See MPEP § 804.01.

2. Claims 36-43 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Election was made without traverse in the reply filed on December 13, 2004. Claim 1 is currently pending and is under examination.

#### Priority

3. The priority date is the filing date of this application, and is April 30, 2001.

## Information Disclosure Statement

4. The information disclosure statements (IDSs) submitted on February 11, 2002 and December 16, 2002 are being considered by the examiner.

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## Specification

5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

6. On page 1, line 20, the term "MALDI" and line 21, "ESI" should be spelled out in full at the first occurrence. See also page 22, line 23, the term "UF."

Appropriate correction is required.

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 8. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mumford, R. et al. (WO 96/14580). Mumford, R. et al. disclose a peptide consisting of current application SEQ ID NO: 1 (see WO 96/14580, page 42, lines 25-27, current application, claim 1).
- 9. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Patterson, D. et al. (WO 96/36986). Patterson, D. et al. disclose a peptide consisting of current application SEQ ID NO: 1 (see WO 96/36986, page 32, Table 1, SEQ ID NO: 14, current application, claim 1).
- 10. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yeaman, M. et al. (WO 99/42119). Yeaman, M. et al. disclose a peptide consisting of current application SEQ ID NO: 1 (see WO 99/42119, page 119-120, SEQ ID NO: 25, current application, claim 1).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anand U Desai, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0947. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jon P. Weber can be reached on (517) 272-0925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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January 21, 2005

JON WEBER
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER